Council Meeting Agenda
August 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order
   a. Prayer
   b. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call (COVID-19 Protocols)
   a. In Person
   b. Via Video

III. Confirmation of Public Access via Facebook Live

IV. Review/approval of July 9th, 2020 Special Council Minutes & July 20th, 2020 Council Minutes

V. Department Reports
   a. Fire
   b. Parks & Rec.
   c. Police
   d. Street
   e. Water/Wastewater
   f. Financials

VI. Commission Report
   a. Planning Commission

VII. Unfinished Business:
   a. Appointment of Council Member for Ward 2 Position 1
      • Each Candidate will be given 3 Minutes to speak
      • Discussion
      • Voting
      • Swearing in of new Council Member
VIII. New Business

a. Cabot School System Presentation – WIFI Access for Students (via gotomeeting)

b. Ordinance 2020-XX: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS
ANIMAL CONTROL CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE 0-2007-1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
(FIRST READING)

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

c. Resolution 2020-21: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK
OF THE CITY OF WARD TO SALE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE UNIT VIA OTHER MEANS
OTHER THAN GOVDEALS.NET

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

d. Resolution 2020-22: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK
OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE VEHICLE

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

e. Resolution 2020-23: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WARD TO SIGN A JOINT
LETTER OF INTENT ALONG WITH CABOT MAYOR KENCAID, AUSTIN MAYOR CHAMBERLAIN, AND
LONOKE COUNTY JUDGE ERWIN REQUESTING METROPLAN TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN/BIKE TRAIL FROM WARD TO CABOT THROUGH AUSTIN UNDER
THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER REASONS

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote
Resolution 2020-24: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO SELL CERTAIN VEHICLES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

IX. Mayor's Report

X. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

XI. Announcements – (COVID-19 Protocols Apply, as needed)

City Council Meeting: September 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm
Planning Commission Meeting: August 24, 2020 at 7 pm
Ward City Cleanup: Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 8:00am – 3:00pm
Ward Earth Day Cleanup: Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 8:00am

XII. Adjournment
Asilomar Figures

Criteria:

Figures between: 07/01/2020
and: 07/31/2020

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Report: Asilomar Figures (Live)
City of Ward VFD
Ward, AR
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Major Incident Types by Month for Date Range
Start Date: 07/01/2020 | End Date: 07/31/2020

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Only REVIEWED incidents included
WARD PARKS AND RECREATION
JULY 2020 REPORT

Meetings
• Key staff meetings with Mayor and department heads

Facility Rentals and Games
• Various practices on both fields
  o Arkansas Blast 007
  o Powerhouse Pokes
  o Powerhouse Panthers
  o Powerhouse Kaos
  o Freedom Fastpitch
  o SWAT 10
  o Sluggers Baseball Club
  o Central Arkansas Royals
    ▪ All teams signed field rental agreement and COVID-19 policy
• Adult Coed League (Monday's) had first game on July 6
  o 6 teams
    ▪ 8 league games per team w/ single elimination end of season tournament after league games are played
• Adult Coed Church League (Thursday's) had their first game on July 16
  o 7 teams
    ▪ 8 league games per team w/ single elimination end of season tournament after league games are played

Park Administration
• Kept up to date on all directives with Arkansas Department of Health that was related to Parks & Recreation
• Director worked the front doors on July 6
• Continued to work on parks & tourism grant with Lemons Engineering
• Hired new part-time permanent maintenance employee
  o Jacob Belisle
• Ordered supplies for sports complex

Park Staff
• Maintained Sports Complex with help of street department
• Installed hand sanitizer dispensers in each dugout, pavilion and entrance at sports complex
• Updated Park Sign

Karen Dawson, Parks & Recreation Director
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## Water/Wastewater July Department Report

### Water

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LWPA contracted water sales minimum= 650,000 gpd x number or days in the month
Exceeds minimum
Below minimum
WARD PLANNING COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT
July 2020
The Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of business.

Regular Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS ANIMAL CONTROL CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE O-2007-1; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD GOVERNING BODY, in an effort to protect the public health and safety of the City of Ward residents and encourage the humane treatment of animals, enacts the following.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARD, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The Ward Animal Control Code attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted by the City of Ward Governing Body and the provisions thereof shall be controlling from the date this Ordinance takes effect.

SECTION 2: All prior Animal Control Ordinances are hereby repealed and superseded by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _______ DAY OF __________, 2020

YEAS: ________ NAYS: ________

APPROVED:

__________________________
Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

__________________________
Courtney Ruble, City Clerk

CITY SEAL
ARTICLE I. GENERAL

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS: The following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Exhibit, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

a. Abandoned: A domesticated animal that an owner has forsaken entirely or neglected or refused to provide care and support.
c. Animal Establishments: Any pet shop, kennel, grooming shop, auction, performing animal exhibition, or other facility engaging in the handling of animals, excluding licensed veterinarians and veterinary clinics and hospitals.
d. At Large Animal: An animal that is not confined to the premises of the owner within a house, fence, or other structure, or restrained by a leash sufficiently strong enough to prevent the animal from escaping and restricting the animal to the premises; or an animal that is not confined by leash or within an automobile when away from the premises of the owner.
e. Licensed Breeder: Any person, partnership, or corporation which maintains and unaltered (unsterilized) dog and breeds said animal for any consideration for profit, fee, or compensation.
f. Cat: Any commonly domesticated feline animal that includes both male and female gender of the species.
g. Direct-Point Chaining: To tether or chain an animal to one fixed object such as a stake, tree, car, etc.
h. Dog: Any commonly domesticated canine animal and includes for the male and female of the species.
i. Domesticated Animal: An animal that is socialized to humans and appropriate as a companion for humans.
j. Fence: A physical barrier constructed out of such a material as to provide a barrier between an animal and the public. This fencing must be not being of material that requires electricity or batteries to operate.
k. Hog: A hoofed mammal of the family Suidae, or Artiodactyl, comprising of boars and swine.
l. Innately Wild Animal: Any mammal, amphibian, reptile or fowl of a species that is wild by nature and that, because of its size, vicious nature or characteristics, is dangerous to human beings. Such animals shall include, but not be limited to: lions, tigers, leopards, panthers, bears, wolves and wolf-hybrids, cat-hybrids, cougars, coyotes, skunks (whether deodorized or not), apes, gorillas, monkeys, foxes, elephants, rhinoceroses, alligator,
crocodiles, caimans, fowl larger than a macaw, all form a venomous reptile and any snake that is greater than eight (8) feet in length. The terms shall also include any animal listed as an "endangered species" under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, or any fowl protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The innately wild animal shall not include gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, mice, rats or domesticated rabbits.

m. Owner: An adult person or custodian possessing, harboring, keeping, or feeding for a period of five (5) days.

n. Public Nuisance Animal: Any animal that unreasonably annoys humans, endangers the life or health of persons or other animals, or substantially interferes with the right of citizens, other than their owner, to enjoyment of life or property.

o. Running at Large: Any animal roaming freely at will.

p. Stray: An animal that is regularly off the property of the owner, is not under the physical control and restrain of the owner, and is not regularly provided with food by its owner.

q. Sterilized: Any animal that has been spayed or neutered.

r. Vicious Dog: Any member of the canine family that:
   (1) Has exhibited fierce or vicious behavior towards a person; or
   (2) Has attacked a person or another animal with such severity as to cause physical injury or property damage; or
   (3) Is the offspring of a domestic dog or innately wild animal?
      i. The behavior of the dog should not be considered vicious if the dog was provoked or teased. When rendering a determination pursuant to this section, any canine that reasonably resembles an innately wild animal shall be presumed to the offspring of a domestic dog and an innately wild animal; however, the presumption may be defeated by a preponderance of evidence to the contrary.
      ii. When used in this section, the term "offspring" includes animals that are separated by less than three reproductive generations from the innately wild animal.

s. Ward Animal Control: A term that collectively refers to all City Animal Control Employees, including Officers.

t. Ward Animal Shelter: An animal facility operated by the City of Ward or a facility operated by a non-profit organization organized to benefit animals under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS.

SECTION 2: INTERFERENCE WITH ENFORCEMENT: It shall be unlawful for any person to:

a. Interfere in any manner with the director of the animal shelter or any animal control worker while they have in their custody any animal;
b. Remove from the animal shelter any animal which is in the custody of the animal shelter unless the director or other person in charge of the animal shelter has authorized the release of such animal; or

c. Knowingly obstruct, impair or hinder, directly or indirectly, the lawful performance of enforcement and animal control functions of the director or other appointed animal control officer.

SECTION 3. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:

a. See State Law Reference:

(1) A.C.A § 5-62-103 Offence of Cruelty to Animals;
(2) 5-62-104 Offence of Aggravated Cruelty to a Dog, Ct, or Equine

b. Animal control officers have the authority to remove any animal subject to cruelty and impound such animal. The animal shall be impounded and not released unless:

(1) The owner of the animal, who shall not be charged, claims the animal from the shelter; or
(2) The owner of the animal, who was charged and is found not guilty, claims the animal from the shelter.

SECTION 4. RELEASING ANIMALS IN PUBLIC PLACES.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly release any animal in any public place within the city.

b. As used in this section, the term “animal” shall mean any animal other than a human being; the term “public place” shall include all properties owned by the city.

SECTION 5. KEEPING OF INNATELY WILD ANIMALS.

a. Definition. As used in this article, the term innately wild animal shall mean any mammal, amphibian, reptile or fowl of a species that is wild by nature and that, because of its size, vicious nature or other characteristics, is dangerous to human beings. Such animals shall include, but not to be limited to, lions, tigers, leopards, panthers, bears, wolves, cougars, coyotes, raccoons, skunks (whether deodorized or not), apes, gorillas, monkeys, foxes, elephants, rhinoceroses, alligators, crocodiles, Caymans, fowl larger than a macaw, all form of venomous reptiles and any snake that will grow to a
length greater than eight feet. The terms shall also include any animal listed as an “endangered species” under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, or any fowl protected by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The term innately wild animal shall not include gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, mice or domesticated rabbits.

b. Violations and penalties. It is hereby declared to be unlawful for a person to own, possess, keep, or harbor any innately wild animal within the city. Any person convicted of violating this section shall be fined not more than $500.00. If the violation in its nature is continuous in respect to time, the fine shall not exceed more than $250.00 per day. Additionally, the convicting court shall either

(1) Order the animal to be surrendered to competent authority for release in an appropriate habitat or for other lawful disposition; or,

(2) Order the humane destruction of the animal.

c. Affirmative defenses. No person shall be convicted of violating this section if such person can establish a defense listed in this subsection by a preponderance of the evidence.

(1) Zoos, circuses, etc. This section shall not apply to any zoo, circus or sanctuary complying with the applicable laws and regulations and keeping such innately wild animals for the education and entertainment of the public.

(2) Domestic dogs and cats. This section shall not apply to domestic dogs and cats that have been duly licensed and properly treated with a vaccine which the compendium of animal rabies prevention has established is capable of effectively preventing the spread of rabies in the applicable species.

d. Liability for innately wild animal that attacks a person. Any person who homes, keeps, harbors, or possesses an innately wild animal that attacks a person causing harm to a person or property or exhibits vicious or ferocious behavior towards a person causing fear shall be guilty of a violation. It is an affirmative defense to this subsection that the animal was provoked. Any person convicted of violating this subsection shall be fined not more than $500.00. Additionally, the convicting court shall either

(1) Order the animal to be surrendered to competent authority for release in an appropriate habitat or for other lawful disposition, or

(2) Order the humane destruction of the animal.
SECTION 6. VETERINARIANS TO REPORT CASES OF RABIES TO HEALTH OFFICER.

a. Every veterinarian shall report promptly to the health officer all cases of rabies in all animals treated by him from the City of Ward, giving the name and address of the owner and owners’ addresses of any animals bitten, as far as is known.


SECTION 7. DOGS AND CATS-VACCINATION; PENALTIES.

a. All dogs and cats within the City of Ward shall be vaccinated at least once a year against rabies, unless indicated otherwise by a veterinarian (example: 3 year shot), and it is made the duty of all owners of dogs or cats, or persons having the possession or control of dogs or cats within this city to have the animals vaccinated with vaccine against rabies.

b. Any owner of any dog or cat or any person having the care and control of any dog or cat who fails to have the dog or cat vaccinated according to the terms of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined $10.00 $5.00 for the first offense, $25.00 for the second offense for each offense. A court appearance is required for a third and subsequent offense.


SECTION 8. DOGS AND CATS-NUMBER OWNED.

a. For the purpose of this section, an animal shall be defined as a dog or a cat.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor more than five animals which are over 12 weeks old within the city limits, and the burden of proof shall be the owners to show the age of such animals.

c. This section shall not apply to animal hospitals, veterinarians, or animal boarding facilities when such animals are kept for normal business purposes.

d. Any person wishing to own, keep, or harbor more than five animals, but not more than 10 animals, shall make application for a permit for each additional animal up to ten animals. Each permit will cost $10 (ex. 5 animals x $10 = $50) and will be renewed on a yearly basis.

e. Any person wishing to operate an animal rescue inside the city limits may do so by making application to the city for a permit. The owner of said rescue
must provide proof of being a non-profit organization with the application process and will be subject to an inspection of the facilities by the city animal control officer. The number of animals shall be limited to ten, with a permit cost of $25.00 per annual.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC NUISANCE ANIMAL.

It shall be unlawful for any person to own or harbor a Public Nuisance Animal. The term "Public Nuisance Animal" shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Any animal that is repeatedly found running at large.

b. Any animal in any section of a public park or public recreation area unless the dog or cat is controlled by a leash or similar physical restraint.

c. Any animal that damages, soils, defiles or defecates on any property other than of its owner.

d. Any animal that causes fouling of the air by noxious or offensive odors from unsanitary conditions and thereby creates unreasonable annoyance or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored.

e. Any animal in-heat that is not confined so as to prevent attraction or contact with other animals.

f. Any animal, whether or not on the property of its owner, that without provocation, molests, attacks, or otherwise interferes with the freedom of movement of persons in a public right-of-way.

g. Any animal that chases motor vehicles in a public right-of-way;

h. Any animal that attacks domestic animals;

i. Any animal that is offensive or dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare by virtue of the number of animals maintained at a single residence or the inadequacy of the facilities.

j. Any animal in which by loud or frequent noise may disturb the peace and quite of any person who may reside within reasonable proximity of the place where the animal is kept.
(1) Any claim of excessive noise must be validated by the Ward Police Department, Lonoke County Sheriff Office, or Ward Animal Control Officer.

(2) If said claim for excessive noise cannot be witnessed by a Police Officer or Ward Animal Control Officer, the person calming such nuisance should file an affidavit with the Ward District Court and be required to pay any court costs associated therewith. If the animal owner is found guilty on three separate occasions, Ward Animal Control shall impound the offensive animal(s) until a decision of the animal(s) fate is decided by the Ward District Court.

SECTION 10. OUTSIDE ANIMAL SALES.

a. No person or business shall sell, exchange, barter, trade, lease, rent, give away or display any live animal on roadside, public right-of-way, parking lot, median, park, playground or other recreational area, outside flea markets, commercial or retail property adjacent to such locations, that is generally accessible to the public, regardless of where such access is authorized or not.

b. Exception: This section shall not apply to humane societies, animal control agencies, or non-profit organizations sponsoring animal adoption events, having obtained prior approval from the Ward Animal Control Officer.

SECTION 11. ADOPTION POLICY

WORK IN PROGRESS

ARTICLE II. DOGS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

SECTION 1. NUMBER LIMITED.

Refer to Article 1 Section 7.

SECTION 2. RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.

a. No person owning, possessing or keeping a dog shall allow such dog to run at large within the city.

b. State law references: Authority of the city to prevent dogs from running at large and providing for the destruction of the same, A.C.A. § 14-54-1102.
SECTION 3. CITATIONS.

The police department, the health department and animal control workers are hereby authorized to issue citations for violations of this article.

SECTION 4. BARKING AND HOWLING.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep on his premises or under his control any dog which by loud and frequent barking and howling shall disturb the peace and quiet of any person who may reside within reasonable proximity of the place where such dog is kept.

b. Refer to Article 1, Section 8j

SECTION 5. DOG PENS.

a. Outdoor dog pens shall be located 75 feet from any dwelling other than the person owning or controlling the dog.

b. Each enclosure must be of sufficient size that the animal will have room to stand, turn and stretch out to its full length.

SECTION 6. CONDITION OF PREMISES.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or harboring dogs to fail to keep the premises where such dogs are kept free from offensive odors to the extent that such odors are disturbing to any person residing within reasonable proximity of such premises. A diligent and systematic effort must be made to eliminate or fill any holes on the premises to avoid said holes from holding water, urine or feces.

b. It shall be unlawful to allow premises where dogs are kept to become unclean by failing to diligently and systematically remove all waste from the premises every 72 hours.

SECTION 7: MINIMUM CARE (DOGS)

a. Facility
   (1) All dogs shall have continuous access to a structurally sound, moisture-proof and windproof facility large enough to keep the dog reasonably clean and dry.
   (2) A facility which does not protect the dog from temperature extremes or precipitation, or which does not provide adequate ventilation or drainage, shall not comply with this section.
(3) A dog’s facility and bedding and other accessible space shall be maintained in a manner which minimizes the risk of the dog contracting disease, being injured or becoming infested with parasites.

b. Nutrition

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or harboring any dog to fail, refuse or neglect to provide such dog with clean, fresh, potable water adequate for the dog’s size, age, and physical condition.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or harboring any dog to fail, refuse, or neglect to provide such dog with wholesome foodstuff suitable for the dog’s physical condition and age and in sufficient quantities to maintain an adequate level of nutrition for the dog.

SECTION 8. VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES FOR ARTICLE II SECTION 1 THRU 7

Any owner of a dog or any person having the care or control of any dog who fails to abide by Sections 1 thru 7 of Article II shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined any sum not less than $25.00 for the first offense, $50.00 for the second offense and upon a third offense there will be a mandated judge appearance and a fine of no less than $500.00.

SECTION 9. VICIOUS DOGS.

a. Definitions. See Section 1r

b. Initial determination. An animal control officer shall deem a canine to be a vicious dog if the animal control officer determines that the canine satisfies the definition of vicious dog as described in subsection (a). Upon deeming the canine to be a vicious dog, the animal control officer shall notify the owner by hand delivery or by mailing a notice by certified mail to the owner. The officer shall also apprehend the canine and shall not release it until the requirements of subsection (d) have been met or until so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

c. Appeal of determination. Any person who has received notice that his or her canine has been deemed a vicious dog may appeal such decision to the Mayor, or his/her designee ("Mayor"). The appeal must be made within ten days of the day the notice was made in accordance with subsection (b). Upon receiving the appeal, the Mayor shall schedule and hold a hearing within ten days to determine whether the initial determination was rendered in error. The decision reached at the hearing shall be considered the final decision of
the city as to whether the canine is a vicious dog. If the initial determination is not appealed or if the right to appeal is waived, the initial determination shall be considered the final decision of the city as to whether the canine is a vicious dog. An appeal from the decision of the Mayor may be made to a court of competent jurisdiction.

d. Release. A canine that has been apprehended pursuant to subsection b shall only be released by the animal shelter if all of the following conditions have been met:

(1) The owner has signed a written agreement that unless and until the canine is determined to no longer be a vicious dog by the Mayor or a court of competent jurisdiction, the canine shall be controlled in a manner consistent with this section when it is within the municipal limits of Ward; and

(2) No vicious dog in the possession of the animal control department shall be released to any person other than the owner.

(3) After the canine has been deemed vicious by Animal Control and exhaustion of appeals, the owner of said vicious canine will be mandated to have insurance of warranty bond on said canine in an amount no less than $100,000.00 if they wish to maintain the animal and abide by Section 9 Subsection (f).

(4) MANDATORY MICROCHIPING: Every canine, released under this subsection must be Microchipped at the owner expense prior to release.

e. Failure to retrieve. The animal control department may humanely destroy any vicious dog that is not retrieved by the owner within ten days of the day the owner is notified that a final decision has been reached deeming the canine a vicious dog or within ten days of the day the owner is notified that the vicious dog has been impounded, whichever is later. A canine that is found not to be a vicious dog shall be retrieved, destroyed or adopted in accordance with the ordinances, rules, and regulations of the city and the animal control department that generally apply to all impounded dogs.

f. Control of vicious dogs. Vicious dogs shall be kept secure at all times. Any person who owns, possesses, keeps or harbors a vicious dog within the municipal limits of Ward shall:

(1) Keep the vicious dog confined within a dwelling unit or a commercial building;

(2) Keep the vicious dog on a leash under the control of a responsible handler, and said animal must be muzzled;
(3) Keep the vicious dog in a secured enclosure with a covered or secured top and a secure bottom when outdoors and unattended;
(4) Post signs for vicious animal at 20 feet of property.

g. Transfer of care or ownership. No person who owns, possesses, keeps or harbors a vicious dog shall knowingly allow another person to own, possess, keep or harbor that same vicious dog without first disclosing that it has been deemed vicious, as well as the requirements associated with vicious dogs. A person who transfers ownership of a vicious dog to another person shall notify the animal control department no later than ten days after the transfer is made. It is hereby declared that violations of this section are unlawful. Any person who violates this subsection shall be subject to the penalties described in subsection (b).

h. Violations and penalties. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation and shall be fined not more than $1,000.00. If the violation in its nature is continuous in respect to time, the fine shall not exceed $250.00 per day. Additionally, the convicting court may, in the court’s discretion, order the vicious dog that is subject to the offense to be destroyed.

DIVISION 2. IMPOUNDMENT

SECTION 1. IMPOUNDMENT AND DESTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.

The animal control worker shall take in custody any animal found at large in the city and shall impound the animal in the city animal shelter or such other place as such animal control worker may designate for the purpose of impoundment. Such impounded animal shall be held for a period of five working days, at the end of which time the animal may be destroyed unless custody of the animal is released prior thereto as provided in this division. Provided, however, that any such animal may be destroyed prior to the expiration of such five working day waiting period when such animal has been seriously injured or is seriously ill and in the opinion of a qualified veterinarian such destruction would eliminate needless suffering on the part of the animal and would constitute the humane solution to such animal’s suffering.

State law references: Impoundment and destruction of any animal found at large, A.C.A. § 14-54-1102.

SECTION 2. RECEIPTS.

1 Each enclosure must be of sufficient size that the animal will have room to stand, turn and stretch out to its full length.
a. The director of the city's animal shelter shall have duplicate receipts prepared and shall ensure that the animal control workers furnish a receipt to the owners of all animal picked up or impounded by the city's animal shelter, if the owner is known.

b. The receipts to be furnished to the owners of impounded animal shall contain the following information:
   
   (1) The name, address and telephone number of the animal owner.
   (2) The place and/or address where the animal was picked up.
   (3) The date and time the animal was taken into custody.
   (4) The type or breed of the animal.
   (5) The sex of the animal.
   (6) The license number of the animal.
   (7) The color and a complete description of the animal.
   (8) The nature of the violation for which the animal was picked up and impounded.
   (9) The name and signature of the animal control worker issuing the citation as well as the receipt.
   (10) The place where the animal can be recovered by its lawful or rightful owner.
   (11) The amount of the penalty and/or charges the owner must pay to recover the animal.
   (12) The date when the animal will be eligible for release from the animal shelter.
   (13) The date the animal will be disposed of provided the owner thereof does not call and recover such animal by paying all charges.

c. The receipts for the impounded animal shall be numbered and prepared in duplicate; the original shall be furnished to the owner of the animal, and the copy shall be maintained at the animal shelter for a period of not less than 90 days, after which time the duplicate receipts may be destroyed at the discretion of the director.

d. If the owner of the impounded animal is not at home or cannot be located at the time such animal is impounded, the animal control worker shall post the original copy of the receipt in a conspicuous place upon the animal owner's premises.

e. Should the animal control worker be unable to determine the identity or locate the address of the impounded animal, the execution of a receipt shall not be required.
SECTION 3. RECLAIMING IMPOUNDED ANIMALS.

a. Any person owning, possessing or keeping an animal which has been impounded may claim and retrieve such animal from the city animal shelter by payment of the required fee. The burden of proof as to vaccination and licensing shall be upon the party attempting to claim the animal from the animal control worker under the article.

b. Any person claiming an unvaccinated and/or unlicensed animal, shall cause said animal to be vaccinated and/or licensed by the Animal Control Officer prior to, and as a condition of, release-unless the owner wishes to have their animal vaccinated by a veterinarian of their choice with return proof within 5 working days for the license of said animal. Failure to comply within the timeframe will result in issuance of a citation to the owner with a fine no less than $50.00 plus cost.

c. If the owner of an impounded animal fails or refuses to reclaim such dog within five days after impoundment, the city shelter is hereby authorized to release such to a person other than the owner upon payment of the required fees.


SECTION 4. ACCEPTANCE OF UNWANTED DOGS.

a. The animal control workers shall accept unwanted dogs from city residents upon the payment by such resident of the required fee (see Section 5 below) therefor, provided room at the shelter for the animal is available.

b. All dogs accepted by the city animal shelter as provided in this section shall become the property of the city.

SECTION 5. FEE SCHEDULE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER.

a. Reclaiming fees:
   (1) Ten dollars $15.00 for all animals; plus $5.00 per day board.
   (2) Reclaiming fee shall be $20.00 for each recurring offense; plus $5.00 per day board

b. Adoption fees: No adoption fees shall exist. See Section ???

c. Relinquishment fees:
   (1) If an animal is over three months old, a $30.00 relinquishment fee is required for the first animal and $20.00 for each additional animal over three months of age.
   (2) $25.00 30.00 per litter if less than three months old.
DIVISION 3. LICENSE AND VACCINATION

State law references: Rabies Control Act, A.C.A. § 20-19-301 et seq.

SECTION 1. DOG OR CAT LICENSE REQUIRED.

a. Any person who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog or cat in the city that is at least 16 13 weeks old shall obtain a city dog or cat license on an annual basis. Any city dog or cat license issued by a city official or an authorized veterinarian shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. No dog or cat license shall be issued for a dog or cat unless the animal has been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian within the past 60 days. If a dog or cat is found without the required license the owner shall be charged with the offense of failure to license a dog or cat.

b. The cost of a city dog or cat license shall be $5.00 for sterilized dogs or cats and $10.00 for unsterilized dogs or cats. However, the cost of a city dog or cat license for an unsterilized dog or cat, which based upon a written opinion of a duly licensed veterinarian, is not capable of being sterilized due to a serious medical risk or a serious medical condition, shall be $5.00. In the prosecution for failure to license a dog or cat, it shall be presumed that an unsterilized dog or cat does not have an above mentioned serious medical risk or condition.

c. Any person required to obtain a dog or cat license pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) above has the option, in lieu of said annual license, to obtain a lifetime dog or cat license if their dog or cat is sterilized. If the owner of the dog or cat has the microchip already implanted and provides proof, the owner of the dog or cat can obtain a lifetime license for a $20.00 fee. If the owner of the dog or cat wished for an animal control employee of the city to implant the microchip into the dog or cat a lifetime license can be obtained for a $40.00 fee. Any person obtaining a lifetime animal license pursuant to this section shall still be required to have his or her pet vaccinated pursuant to section 6 of Article I.

d. A person convicted of failure to license a dog or cat shall be punished as provided for in subsection (a) of section 1 of this article, and the dog or cat that was not properly licensed may become the property of the Ward Animal Shelter and be made available for adoption to the public by order of the convicting court.

2 See Attachment 1 – Ward Pet License Application
e. State law references: Authority of city to place a tax on dogs, A.C.A. § 14-54-1103.

SECTION 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.

The Ward animal control or code enforcement officer is hereby authorized to issue a city dog or cat license to the owners of dogs or cats provided that the owner can provide proof that the dog or cat has been rabies vaccinated within the past 60 days. Such licenses shall be furnished by the city and any of the above-mentioned authorized issuers shall maintain a proper record and accounting of the amount of each license issued and the date that each license was issued.

ARTICLE III. LIVESTOCK

State law references: Livestock running at large, A.C.A. § 14-54-1101.

SECTION 1. CERTAIN STABLES DECLARED NUISANCE.

All stables within the limits of this city used for the housing of horses, mules, cattle or livestock for sale which violate any of the provisions of this chapter are hereby declared to be public nuisances and menaces to the public health.

SECTION 2. KEEPING OF HORSES AND COWS.

No person shall keep any horse or cow except in an enclosed pasture containing one acre for each animal.

SECTION 3. KEEPING OF HOGS, GOATS OR SHEEP.

a. It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person to possess, maintain or keep any hogs, goats or sheep within the limits of the city or to permit any hogs, goats or sheep to run at large within the limits of the city; except that hogs, goats and sheep in transit may be kept for a period not to exceed 24 hours in a duly established stockyard.

b. The enforcement of the provisions contained in this section shall be the responsibility of the police department, the city animal control officer or the city code enforcement officers.

SECTION 4. HORSES AND CATTLE RUNNING AT LARGE.

a. No person owning, possessing or keeping horses or cattle shall allow any such animal to run at large within the city limits.
b. Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be punished as required in section 8 of Article II of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE IV. FOWL

SECTION 1. RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit chickens, guineas, ducks, geese or other fowl to run at large in a residential neighborhood.

b. No more than six (6) adult fowl may be kept at any one time.

c. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep one or more Rosters.

ARTICLE V. ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENTS

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

See Article 1, Section 1b

SECTION 2. PERMIT-REQUIRED; TERM; RENEWAL; ONE PER ESTABLISHMENT.

a. No person shall operate an animal establishment without first obtaining a permit from the animal control authority in compliance with this article, nor may any person operate an animal establishment in a manner in violation in any provision of this chapter.

b. The permit period for a permit under this article shall begin with the first day of the calendar year and shall run for one year. Renewal applications for permits shall be made 30 days prior to and up to 60 days after January 1 or each year. Application for a new establishment under the provisions of this article shall be made within 60 days of the start of business or operation.

c. Every facility regulated by this article shall be considered a separate enterprise, requiring an individual permit (e.g., two pet stores at different locations but owned by the same person shall be considered as two animal establishments).

SECTION 3. APPLICATION PROCEDURE, INSPECTION, ISSUANCE OF DENIAL.

a. Each animal establishment shall annually file an application for the permit with the animal control authority within the time periods provided in subsection (b) of section 2.
b. The application for permit under this article shall be made on a form provided by the animal control authority and available from the authority or the city clerk's office.

c. Upon receipt of a completed application for a permit under this article, the animal control authority shall inspect the facility to ensure that all animals are provided for in a humane manner and that the establishment follows all provisions of this chapter. The animal control authority shall be permitted to make such inspection at any reasonable time during normal business hours.

d. The animal control authority shall either issue a permit to the applicant for an animal establishment or, if a permit is not granted, the animal control authority shall notify the applicant in writing of the specific reasons for denial.

e. An animal establishment denied a permit may not reapply for a period of at least 30 days. Each reapplication shall describe any previous denial or revocation.

f. If an applicant for a permit under this article is shown to have withheld or falsified any material information on the application, the animal control authority may refuse to issue or may revoke a permit.

SECTION 4. REVOCATION.

a. The animal control authority may revoke any animal establishment permit if the person holding the permit refuses or fails to comply with this chapter, or any other law or regulation governing the protection and keeping of animals, including refusal to allow inspection of the animal establishment as provided in this article.

b. Whenever a permit under this article is revoked for cause, or pending any proceedings to contest such action, the animal control authority shall have power of entry to inspect all premises where the animals are being kept and shall notify the owner in writing as to the period of time that reasonably shall be allowed to for removal of animals from such premises and shall state the specific reasons for revocation. If any such owner shall fail to remove such animals as directed, the animal control authority may impound such animals.
SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER.

a. An animal establishment shall not sell, trade or give away any dog or cat over six months of age unless the dog or cat has been licensed and/or vaccinated as required by this chapter.

b. The animal control authority shall be permitted to inspect any animal establishment and all animals and the premises where such animals are kept at any reasonable time during normal business hours to ensure compliance with all provisions of this article and the animal control code.

SECTION 6. STANDARDS FOR RETAIL PET STORES.

All pet stores, including pet stores operated in conjunction with another holding facility, shall, in addition to the other requirements of this chapter, comply with the minimum standards of this section, Arkansas law (see d below) and Arkansas Department of Health Regulations (see e below). Failure to meet these standards shall be grounds for denial of a permit or revocation of a permit. Standards for pet stores are as follows:

a. Water; containers. There shall be available hot water at a minimum temperature of 160 degrees for washing cages and disinfecting, and cold water easily accessible to all parts of the store. Fresh water shall be available to all species at all times. Containers are to be cleaned and disinfected each day.

b. Room temperature. The room temperature of the shop shall be maintained at a level that is healthful for every species of animal kept in the store.

c. Cages and enclosures. All cages and enclosures are to be of a nonporous material for easy cleaning and disinfecting. Each cage must be of sufficient size that the animal will have room to stand, turn and stretch out to its full length.


e. Arkansas Department of Health Regulation: https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/pet-store-regulations
City of Ward  
Ordinance Number O-2020-09 Exhibit 1  
Attachment 1  
Animal Registration Form

Fill in the fields & mail to:  
City of Ward  
PO Box 237  
Ward, AR 72176

Send with proof of current vaccinations and pet altering. Make checks payable to the City of Ward. Your City license tag will be sent to you via mail.  
*Please keep the tag attached to the animal's collar at all times.*

Owner's Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________

City: ______________________, AR  
Zip: __________________________

Home/Cell Phone: ________________  
Work Phone: ______________________

License Fees:

DOG- Spayed/Neutered - $5.00  
CAT- Spayed/Neutered - $5.00  

DOG- Un-sterilized/Intact - $15.00  
CAT- Un-sterilized/Intact - $15.00

Dog/Cat Primary Breed: ______________

Name: __________________________

Age: ________  
Pet's Color: ______________________

Long or Short Hair: ________________  
Vet's Clinic: ______________________

Rabies Vaccination Date: ________________  
Rabies Tag Number: ________________  
*Rabies Vaccination must be given by License Veterinarian*

Is your dog microchipped? __________  
Microchip Number: __________________

Office Use

Tag # Issued: __________  
Receipt #: __________  
Issued by: __________

Date: __________

Amount Received: __________
City of Ward
Ordinance Number 0-2020-09 Exhibit 1
Attachment 2
Pet Adoption Application

Our goal is to find permanent, loving homes for companion animals. To help make a forever-match between you and your prospective pet, we evaluate animals to determine if they will be suitable family pets. In selecting a pet, please keep in mind that all animals—like people—have different personalities and that some behaviors can be breed-related.

Name: ____________________________ Date: __________________
Address: __________________________ City/Zip: __________________
Home/Cell Phone: ____________________ Work: __________________
Drivers License Number/State: __________________________

Date of Birth: __________________

1. Which of the following best describes your home? Check all that apply.
   a.  [ ] House with a fenced yard  Is so, what type of fence ________________
   b.  [ ] House without a fenced yard
   c.  [ ] House with an outside kennel run
   d.  [ ] Farm with livestock
   e.  [ ] Mobile Home/Condo/Apt with fenced yard
   f.  [ ] Mobile Home/Condo/Apt without fenced yard

2. Do you own or rent? _________ Landlord Name: ______________________

3. Landlord Phone Number: ______________________

4. How many children are in your home? _______ What are their ages? ___________

5. Where will you keep the pet during the day? __________________________

6. Where will you keep the pet during the night? __________________________

7. Please tell us about the pets you have owned in the past three (3) years.
8. The following questions MUST be answered.
   a. Are all pets current on rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian? 
   b. What veterinary clinic do you use for vaccinations? 
   c. Who is listed at the vet’s office as the pet owner? 
   d. Do others in your home know you are planning to adopt a pet? 
   e. Is anyone in your home allergic to animals? 
   f. On average, how much time will the animal be left alone each day without 
      human or pet interaction? 
   g. Why do you want to adopt at this time? 
   h. Do you want an indoor or outdoor pet? 
   i. Do you understand and will you comply with the City of Ward’s leash law? 
   j. Are there any behavioral issues that may cause you to return the pet to the 
      shelter? 

By signing below, I certify that all the information provided will be found to be true and that any 
misrepresentation of facts, on my behalf, may result in denial of adoption.

Signature: __________________ Date: __________

For office Use Only (use additional page, as needed)

Adoption Counselor: __________________

Approved/Disapproved for Adoption (circle on): Date: __________
RESOLUTION No. R-2020-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO SALE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE UNIT VIA OTHER MEANS OTHER THAN GOVDEALS.NET

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD desires to ensure the safety of not only our fire fighters but our Fire Chief as well, and

WHEREAS, during the February 2020 City Council meeting, the Governing Body approved, via Resolution 2020-03, to sell the Department’s Rescue Unit on www.govdeals.net; and

WHEREAS, while there have been several bids, the $15,000.00 reserve was not met; and,

WHEREAS, the city desires to offer the vehicle up for sale on the open market.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD hereby declares that the Mayor may offer the Fire Department Rescue Unit on the open market and sold at an amount approved by the Mayor.

Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED

YEAS _______  NAYS _______

DATE: 

APPROVED:

________________________
Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

________________________  ______________________
Courtney Ruble, City Clerk  City Seal
RESOLUTION No. R-2020-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE VEHICLE

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD desires to ensure the safety of not only our Police Officers but our Police Chief as well, and,

WHEREAS, as the city’s Police Department continues to grow, there is a need for more vehicles,

SECTION 1: It is the desire of the city to purchase a new Police vehicle from the state-approved contract or another vendor if the quote is lower than the state-contract with similar equipment (see attached),

SECTION 2: Upon receipt, the new Police vehicle will be used by the Police Chief. The Police Chief’s current vehicle will then be used by the CID Section and a vehicle from CID will be moved to patrol.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD hereby declares that the Mayor and/or the City Clerk may enter into a contract with of , to purchase a for a quoted price of $ utilizing Police Department reserve funds.

Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED

YEAS NAYS

DATE:

APPROVED:

Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney Ruble, City Clerk

City Seal
RESOLUTION No. R-2020-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WARD TO SIGN A JOINT LETTER OF INTENT ALONG WITH CABOT MAYOR KENCAID, AUSTIN MAYOR CHAMBERLAIN, AND LONOKE COUNTY JUDGE ERWIN REQUESTING METROPLAN TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN/BIKE TRAIL FROM WARD TO CABOT THROUGH AUSTIN UNDER THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER REASONS

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD is a member of Metroplan, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Arkansas Region Transportation Study Area; and

WHEREAS, METROPLAN has committed to spending $55 million over the next 10 year in developing a regional multi-use path network in the Metroplan area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors for the cities of Ward, Austin and Cabot, along with the Lonoke County Judge are committed to promoting the regional connection between the three cities and a Letter of Intent to Metroplan is needed as the first step; and,

WHEREAS, in order to determine the estimated cost of the regional trail and provide the necessary documents to Metroplan by September 30, 2020, the group intends to hire ______ to engineer this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD

SECTION 1: Hereby declares that the Mayor may — after the fact — sign a Letter of Intent with Cabot Mayor Kencaid, Austin Mayor Chamberlain, and County Judge Erwin (attached) requesting Metroplan to consider funding a regional pedestrian/bike trail connecting the cities of Ward, Austin and Cabot under the Surface Transportation Program in which cost will be split 80% Federal and 20% local funding.

SECTION 2: Authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement for engineering services, the cost of which will be shared by the cities of Ward, Austin and Ward and the county, as long as the amount to be paid by the City of Ward is within the spending limits authorized by Ordinance.

Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED
DATE: YEAS______ NAYS______
APPROVED: ATTEST:
announced a $55 million 'strategic commitment' to developing a regional multi-use path network over the next 10 years
August 10, 2020

Casey Covington  
CARTS Study Director  
METROPLAN  
501 W. Markham Street, Suite B  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201  
covington@metroplan.org

RE: Letter of Intent – Surface Transportation Program Project  
Pedestrian/Bike Tract

Dear Mr. Covington:

We the undersigned mayors of Austin, Cabot, Ward and the Lonoke County Judge do hereby submit this as our formal “Letter of Intent” to apply for funding under the Surface Transportation Program (STP) for the following project.

Ward City Hall to Austin City Hall to Cabot City Hall  
Pedestrian/Bike Trail

We intend to create a regional pedestrian/bike trail running from Ward City Hall to Cabot City Hall with Austin City Hall in the middle. This trail would link the two fastest growing cities (Austin and Ward) in the Metroplan area with the County’s largest city (Cabot).

The proposed pedestrian/bike trail would be approximately 5.4 miles in length and would provide some 67,000 (estimated) residents of the region an opportunity to use the trail for not only exercise but leisure as well. As the trail is over 5 miles in length, local, regional or even national 5k events could be held which would bring tourism funds to the area. The trail would stem new economic development and continue to strengthen our area within the larger central Arkansas regions. It is an investment – an investment that will provide immediate benefits, but one that will continue to provide benefits many years in the future.
As the trail both starts and ends at city halls, parking would not be an issue even if someone just wanted to start in Austin and go either way to Cabot or Ward. Where feasible, adequate lighting would be installed along with rest stations where users could sit down for a break.

This project is intended to be in concert with Metroplan's forward thinking, trend-setting, "strategic commitment" to use approximately half of its STP block grants over the next ten years to construct regional pedestrian/bike trails all over the Metroplan area. As such, this project could be Phase 1 of the northern part of Metroplan regional pedestrian/bike trail that could eventually connect to the Southwest Trail already in progress. With proper planning, this segment could also be the starting point to a pedestrian/bike trail to Conway and areas near there. This City Hall to City Hall to City Hall project might even become a part of the U.S. Bike Route System currently under long-term development.

Attached is a very rough draft showing the proposed route. Based on a 2013 Federal Highway Administration cost estimates, the median cost to construct a paved multi-use trail was $251,000 per mile. With that in mind, the estimated budget to construct 5.4 miles of pedestrian/bike trail would be approximately $1.4 million not including lighting, rest stations, street crossing improvements, etc.

Respectfully;

Doug Erwin, Lonoke County Judge

Ken Kincade, Mayor of Cabot

Charles Gastineau, Mayor of Ward

Bernie Chamberlain, Mayor of Austin
Total Mileage, 5.4 Miles
RESOLUTION No. R-2020-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARD TO SELL CERTAIN VEHICLES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF WARD desires to sell the following vehicles to the highest bid, advertising same on social media, the city's website and word-of-mouth.

Vehicle #1: 2009 Tiger Star Crew Cab Truck  
Purchased from ADEM/Federal Surplus in February 2012  
Vehicle needs a fuel pump and other issue. Parts are not readily available.

Vehicle #2: 1999 Mercury Marquee  
Purchased from private party in May 2008  
Vehicle is no longer being used

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD hereby declares that the Mayor may offer the above vehicle for sale to the general public with bids being taken for a reasonable time period. Should either vehicle not sale after a responsible time period, said vehicle(s) may be disposed in any way necessary to include selling it for scrap metal.

Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED

YEAS______ NAYS______

DATE:

APPROVED:

________________________
Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

________________________
Courtney Ruble, City Clerk  
City Seal